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USDA Policy Memos

Policy Memo #	Title	Release Date
<u>SP 50-2016</u>	2016 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals (Policy Memo)	July 29
<u>SP 50-2016a</u>	2016 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals (Manual)	July 29
SP 51-2016	Ensuring Year-long Eligibility in the School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs	August 5
SP 52-2016	Early Implementation of Eligibility Carryover Period for Students Transitioning from Provision Schools: State Agency Extension Option	August 5

2016-17 USDA Reimbursement Rates

The **2016-17 USDA School Meals Reimbursement Rates** have been published and are available on available on the School Nutrition website https://www.fos.usda.gov/school-meals/rates-reimbursement. The rates are available on the USDA website at: https://www.fos.usda.gov/school-meals/rates-reimbursement.

HACCP Plans – Transported and Homestyle

The School Nutrition HACCP Plans for Transported Meals and Homestyle Meals have been updated for the 2016-17 School Year. The documents are accessible via the School Nutrition https://example.com/home-page or the HACCP/Food Safety page.

Should you have questions about the HACCP Plan documents please contact Susan Thompson at susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov or 919.218-4090.

Awards and Recognition Opportunities - 2016 Annual Conference

If you have earned any special recognition in your SFA since October 2015, please let us know as we want to recognize you at the upcoming SN Administrator's Conference in October. Information about the award and the awardees will be included in the conference program and you will be recognized from the podium at one of the conference general sessions.

NEW SUBMISSION DATE

We found it necessary to move the date for submitting your award information back by a couple of weeks. This will allow our Graphics Dept. ample time to design the conference program with information included. SFAs are asked to please e-mail your information to Janice Ezzell at ezzell.janice@yahoo.com by Friday, September 23, 2016.

SAVE THE DATE! SummerPalooza Summits Expanding Summer Meals for Children 2017

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Services Section will offer a collaborative workshop to provide a jumpstart for summer nutrition 2017. This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about the summer nutrition programs in North Carolina, identify ways to reduce barriers, and pinpoint areas where summer meals are needed to reduce food insecurity. Champion presentations will provide creative opportunities for continuous summer nutrition program expansion through effective partnerships.

Workshop Goals and Objectives

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants should be able to:

- 1. Define the goals and objectives of the summer nutrition programs.
- 2. Identify the summer nutrition program's unserved and underserved area.
- 3. Strategize to eliminate and or reduce barriers using best practices employed by other organizations that operate summer nutrition programs.
- 4. Work collaboratively with community stakeholders to address participation deserts, set goals and actions to improve access in their community.
- 5. Implement steps to improve summer nutrition program access.
- 6. Continue collaborative work to achieve continuous summer nutrition expansion.

Audience and Credit

Target audiences include School Food Authorities, Colleges or Universities, and Public and Private Non Profit organizations that desire to learn more about improving access to the Summer Nutrition Programs. Professional Development certificates will be awarded to participants who are present for the entire workshop.

Meals and Travel

Lunch will be provided to registered participants. Participants are responsible for all additional expenses including mileage, lodging if needed, and food and beverages for breaks and additional meals.

Registration and Schedule

Registration information for the workshops will be released and posted on the School Nutrition website in September 2016. The workshops are scheduled for 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM with sign in at 9:30 - 10:00 am. for the dates and locations below. Pre-registration is required.

DATE	LOCATION
November 8, 2016	Hickory Metro Convention Center (1960 13th Avenue Dr, SE, Hickory NC 28602-5186)
November 10, 2016	Hampton Inn (2320 S 17th St, Wilmington, NC 28401-7902)
November 15, 2016	McKimmon Conference & Training Center (1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC 27606-2002)
November 17, 2016	K.E. White Graduate Center (1704 Weeksville Rd, Campus Box 808, Elizabeth City, NC 27909)

Continuing Education Opportunities

NC Safe Plates: A Certified Food Protection Manager Course and Examination

Date: August 24-26, 2016

Location: Bolivia Elementary School, Training Room

4036 Business Hwy. 17-East

Bolivia NC, 28422

This course prepares participants for American National Standards Institution (ANSI) approved Food Protection Manager Certification (CFPM) examination offered by the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals. Successful completion of the exam meets the FDA North Carolina Food Code requirement for a CFPM. Those participating in the course are able to create a work environment that minimizes food safety risks in food establishments through best practices, open communication, and thoughtful practice.

Registration & Payment

The cost is \$70.00 per person. If paying by check, you may contact Iyana Porter at North Carolina State University McKimmon Center at importer@ncsu.edu or (919) 515-8185 and she will assist you with one of the follow options:

- 1. Mail the check and attached **Course Registration Form(s)** to Iyana at the McKimmon Center. Registration will be processed upon receipt.
- 2. Provide a copy of the company issued purchase order with the attached registration form(s) via email or fax which will initiate the invoicing and registration process.

If you are paying by credit card, the registration link is:

https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do;jsessionid=F6B7766810134C2BA709B1BF12B200C9?method=load&courseId=4546494

When registering, each participant must provide a valid email address so that important class information may be communicated if needed. Registration will close one week prior to each class and onsite registration and payment cannot be processed. Iyana will confirm registrations by email. We are unable to offer refunds for this course and exam; however, you may notify Iyana to make a participant substitution or to move the registration to another workshop if/when scheduled.

NC Produce Safety Academy

Apply now for Produce Safety Workshops in North Carolina. Two workshops will be held this fall – **September 20-22** and **September 27-29**. If you purchase produce from any source, you will want to make plans to attend.

The 3-day continuing education course is designed to help School Nutrition professionals identify and manage food safety risks associated with fresh produce. Through classroom instruction, hands-on activities and a field trip, participants will learn about food safety from the farm to the serving line.

This course is open to School Nutrition Directors and Supervisors in the LEAs. Space is limited to one person per School Food Authority. Hotel accommodations will be provided. The School Food Authority is responsible for all additional expenses such as mileage and meals.

This training is based on USDA's "Produce Safety University". This course was developed by staff from NCDA&CS, NC State and NCDPI. The training is funded through a USDA Farm to School grant.

CLICK HERE for the flyer and registration form. For more information, contact Heather Barnes at 919-707-3127 or heather.barnes@ncagr.gov.

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Important Dates

Remember: Any time a due date/deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday, the deadline automatically extends to the next business day.

August 2016

Aug 10 (Wed)	Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO (for July 2016)
Aug 15 (Thur)	
Aug 24-26	

September 2016

Sept 10 (Sat)	Deadline to submit claim for reimbursement for NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSO (for Aug 2016)
Sept 15	Deadline to submit FFVP claim for reimbursement (for Aug 2016)
Sept 20-22	
Sept 23	Deadline to submit Awards information to Janice Ezzel
Sept 27-29	NC Produce Safety Academy

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 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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